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Applicant(s): Grutzmann, et al.

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For: Combination of MTP Inhibitors and HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors and the Use  
Thereof in MedicamentsPRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is submitted in the above-identified national stage application of PCT/EP00/05410 filed on even date herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-12 as shown below:

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1. (Amended) A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of cardiovascular diseases which comprises administering an effective amount of a combination of component A and component B, component A being at least one MTP inhibitor [as component A] of the general formula (A1)